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SUBJ: NCNA ON U.S. MONOPOLY CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION

SUMMARY: AFTER A SEVERAL DAY LULL IN WHICH PEKING SEEMED TO BE MOVING AWAY FROM COLORING WORLD EVENTS IN IDEOLOGICAL TERMS, NCNA WEIGHED IN ON FEB 26 WITH SPEARATE REPORTS ON "THE EXPLOITATION" OF AMERICAN WORKERS AND LATIN AMERICAN RESOURCES BY U.S. MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS. END SUMMARY.

1. REVIEWING BRIEFLY RECENT STRIKES BY U.S. POSTAL WORKERS, CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL , AND TRUCKERS, ONE NCNA ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT THE STRIKES WERE PART OF A PROTEST BY AMERICAN WORKERS AGAINST "INCREASED CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION AND OPPRESSION." ACCORDING TO NCNA , RESENTMENT IS BUILDING UP IN THE U.S. BECAUSE "MONOPOLY CAPITAL" IS SHIFTING THE
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BURDEN OF THE ENERGY CRISIS ONTO WORKERS WITH THE

"U.S. ADMINISTRATION" PROTECTING CAPITALIST INTERESTS AND "UNION BOSSES" IN SOME INDUSTRIES BETRAYING THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS. NCNA PREDICTED AN "INCREASINGLY DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION" IN THE UNITED STATES AND GREATER DISCONTENT AND RESISTANCE AMONG AMERICAN WORKERS BECAUSE OF INFLATION AND LAY OFFS.

2. A SECOND ARTICLE SAID THAT LATIN AMERICAN NATURAL RESOURCES HAVE LONG BEEN A "TARGET OF PLUNDER FOR THE ISATIABLE U.S. MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS" AND THAT THIS HAS AROUSED RESENTMENT AND PROTESTS BY LATIN AMERICANS. U.S. CAPITAL IS SAID TO BE MOVING INTO INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS IN ORDER TO REAP EVEN BIGGER PROFITS, AND, IN THE PROCESS, SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPING THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL COUNTRIES. NCNA PRAISED RECENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS TO NATIONALIZE U.S. ASSETS AND MINERAL RESOURCES--- PARTICULARLY OIL --- AND TOOK THE USUAL SWIPES AT U.S. MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES.

3. COMMENT: HEAVILY IDEOLOGICAL TREATMENT OF LIFE AND SOCIETY IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD HAD BECOME A STAPLE OF PRC PROPAGANDA OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS. HOWEVER, THE LAST SUCH PIECE WE HAD SEEN APPEARED ON FEB. 20, THE SAME DAY AS THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL THAT SOUGHT TO NARROW THE LIMITS AND BETTER CONTROL THE ANTI-LIN, ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN. FOREIGN POLICY COMMENT AND REPORTING DURING THE PAST WEEK HAS BEEN NOTABLY MILD. DESPITE RECENT CHINESE ASSURANCES TO SOME FOREIGNERS THAT PRC FOREIGN POLICY WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE CAMPAIGN, THE FEB. 26 NCNA ITEMS SUGGEST THAT FEATURE STORIES ON U.S. AND WESTERN INTERNAL DECADENCE WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME AND THE ANTI-U.S. ANGLE IN THE THIRD WORLD CONTEXT MAY GROW.
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